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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Sakamoto et al.

Appln No.: 09/874,137

Filed: June 5, 2001

For: SILENT CHAIN

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Unit: 3682

Examiner: Marcus Charles

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Included with this amendment/reply are clean paragraphs/claims and marked-up paragraphs/claims according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.
- ☒ A paper requesting correction/substitution of drawings is attached.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$ 84.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Claims	16	20	0	x \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 280.00	
** At least 3			Total Additional Fee		\$ 0.00

\* At least 20

- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status, thus reducing the fee by half to:

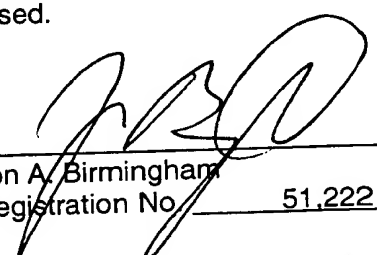
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Examiner:

Attached is are proposed drawing changes in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002. More specifically, reference numerals 42 and 42' have been removed from FIGURES 1b and 7b. The phrase "Prior Art" has been added to FIGURES 5-9 and 12-15. The Examiner's approval is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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